DATES TO NOTE JANUARY

- 4th JV/V G BB vs. Nel-Oakdale @ Niobrara;
- 5th JH Boys BB vs. St. Mary's @ Verdigre
- 6th-8th G/B BB Wausa Tournament
- 8th Wrestling @ Winside
- 10th JH BB @ Summerland
- 12th Flu/Covid Shots
- 13th JV/V G/B vs. Wynot @ Niobrara
- 14th JV/V G/B BB @ Elkhorn Valley
- 15th Wrestling @ Battle Creek; Winter Formal
- 17th No School
- 18th JV/V G/B BB @ Springview
- 19th JH BB @ Wausa
- 20th JH Boys BB @ Nel-Oakdale; NVC Wrestling
 @ Summerland
- 21st KTCH Quiz Bowl
- 22nd G/B JV BB Tournament @ Niobrara; Wrestling @ Nel-Oakdale
- 24 & 25th No School
- 25th JV/V G/B BB vs. CWC @ Niobrara
- 26th JH BB vs. Bloomfield @ Niobrara
- 27th JV/V G/B BB vs. Osmond @ Niobrara
- 28th Wrestling @ Central Valley
- 29th Wrestling @ Plainview; 1st Round NVC G/ B BB
- 31st NVC Girls BB Quarterfinals

-857-3322 or 3323, or stop by the office.

CHILDFIND - According to Federal law, all children with disabilities residing in Niobrara Public School district, including children with disabilities who are homeless or wards of the state or attend non-public schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services, will be identified, located, and evaluated. To locate the children with disabilities, each year we ask the public for assistance. If you have a concern about a child from birth to age 21, please call the school, Superintendent, or Special Education Department at 402

January 25th we will recognize wrestlers, basketball players, student managers, coaches, & parents at the basketball game in Niobrara.

Parents' Night

Parents get into the game free!

Verdigre High School January 6th 7:00-8:00 pm Registration Fee \$10 Singlet Deposit Fee \$25 Please make a separate check for the deposit.

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Congratulations 2021 Fall NSAA Winners!

Football Chase Pritchett

<u>Play Production</u> Karli Nielsen & Billie Pritchett

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NO SCHOOL PK-12

January 3, 4, 17, 24, and 25

January Birthdays

- l Bryan Coffman
- 6 Vincent Mackey
 - 13 Alan Henry
 - 15 Tahhonne Ferris
 - 18 Kase Teadtke, Matthew Mechaley
- 19 Billie Pritchett
- 20 Cambrie Henry
- 23 Addison Peed, Briggs Flyinghawk

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5th Grade News

Happy 2022! Hard to believe that it is the 2nd semester already. The fifth graders have grown and learned so much in 1st semester so I can't wait to see how much more they will grow and learn in 2nd semester!

- •Math ~ Students will start learning how to multiply and divide fractions.
- •Social Studies ~ Students will continue working on their states and capitals. They will be doing a project over a state of their choosing.
- •Science ~ We will be talking about the four main systems that Earth is organized into.
- Language ~ Students will continue working on their editing skills and making their writing more detailed.
- •Reading ~ The class will finish reading a story about pirates and then begin learning about the Underground Railroad.

The fifth graders and I have a busy month planned ahead of us, but we are ready to go! I hope everyone had a safe and healthy winter break.

Take care ~~ Mrs. Pischel 🎚

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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As we enter a new calendar year (2022), I am excited about the many opportunities that lie ahead. We continue to build a strong foundation based on amazing students, great teachers and staff, a supportive Board, and an engaged community. With the strong foundation that we have built we continue to shape our school to exemplify excellence in all we do daily. An attitude of excellence is exhibited daily in the efforts of our teachers, staff, administration, and students. I know that Niobrara Public Schools will continue to build on this quality in the coming year!

As we look ahead to the new year, I know we will stay committed to preparing our students for the potential challenges they may face in their academic/work force/military voyage. To assist them in meeting these challenges, we depend on our teaching staff to continue to raise the bar in their classrooms and build on our School's strong foundation. I am proud of our many accomplishments, and I look forward to creating more opportunities for our students to be successful. I am honored to be a member of Niobrara Public Schools and I look forward to the many achievements that this "HAPPY NEW YEAR" will bring.

Mrs. Sandoz

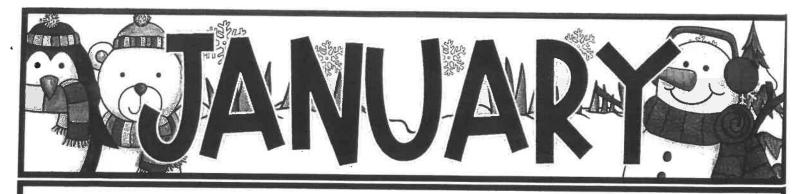
January 8 @ Stuart
January 15 @ Pierce
January 22 @ Summerland
January 29 @ Hartington CC
February 5 @ Wynot or West Holt/Stuart
February 12 @ Wausa
February 16 NVC @ St. Mary's
February 18 @ Creighton
February 19 @ Ainsworth or Crofton
February 26 @ Battle Creek
March 3 Districts @ Stuart

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On Tuesday 12/14/21 The Mighty Mojo Coffee Truck rolled into town and brought happiness to Mrs. Motacek and Mr Runnel's CTSO Intro to Business class. Thanks to donations from the Bank of Hartington and an anonymous donor the entire class was treated to a coffee of their choice. The class was then welcomed into the Bank of Hartington for a discussion on entrepreneurship with the owner of the coffee truck, Trisha Cahoy. Cahoy shared her story including how the business started and day to day responsibilities of owning a business. The CTSO students posed questions about unexpected challenges for business owners, what managers look for in employees, and how menu items are chosen. Cahoy shared with the students that as it states on the truck the mission of the Mighty Mojo Coffee Co is "Bringing Happiness." This is reflected in the business choices they make from hiring employees to how they donate back to the communities they serve. The students all stated they had a great time, learned valuable information and had great coffee!



4th Grade Newsletter!

Reading

In Reading Mastery, we are beginning to read many mythe and learning about Greek Gods and Goddesses. We just finished 'The Golden Touch' and discussed the theme, or lesson of the story that it teaches us - love is more important than gold and money doesn't buy you happiness.

Christmas Concert 2021



Science, Social Studies, and Math

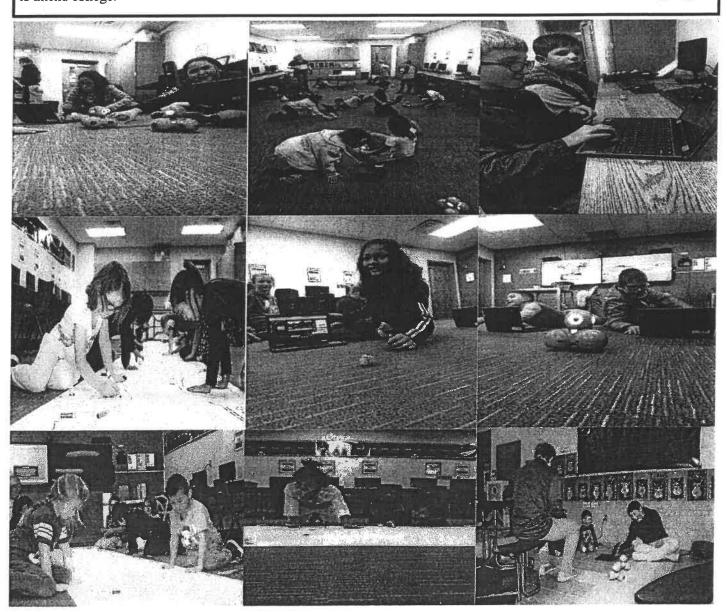
more about earthquakes. The class will even get a STEM opportunity to create a structure that will withstand an earthquake! e are finishing up Native American Plains Tribes in Nebraska! In math, en multiplying a four-digit number by a l-digit number, and the length and it quite fun! We are not onto multiplying a 2-digit by a 2-digit number using partial products!

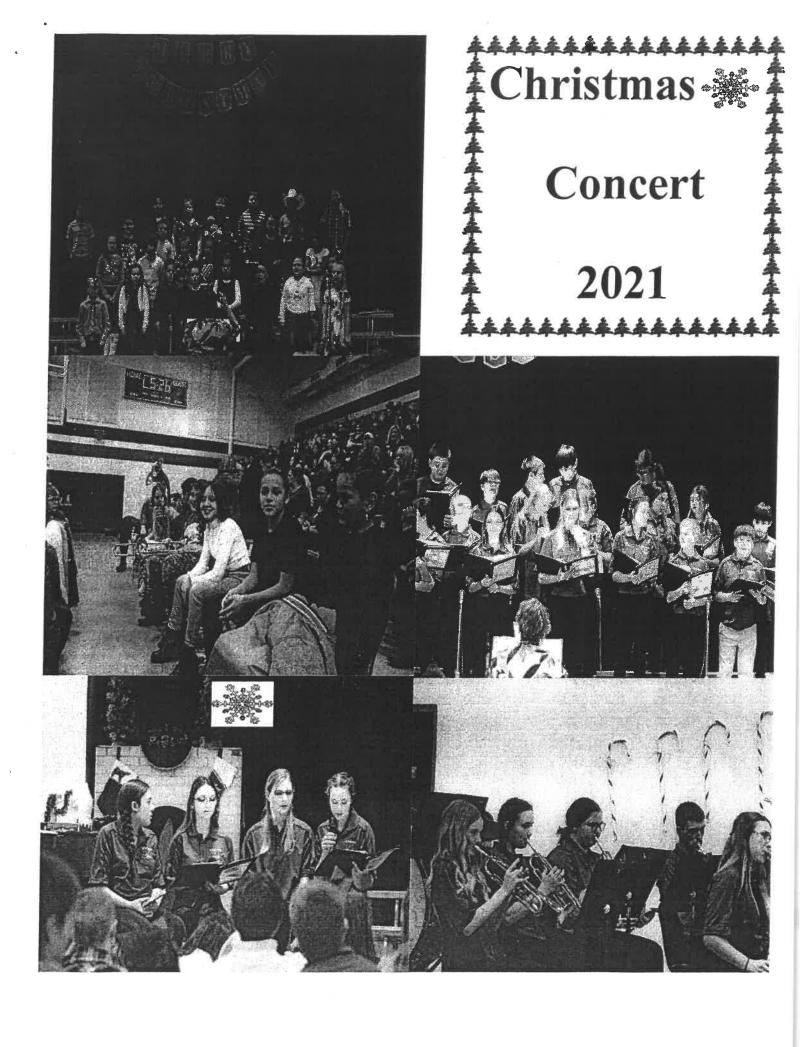
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Niobrara Public Schools celebrated **Computer Science Week** for two weeks this year. Niobrara K-8 students and some high schoolers participated in computer science activities and programming throughout the year through a variety of activities. Technology classes, taught by Mrs. Motacek, have a strong emphasis on the 4 C's of technology: Critical Thinking, Creativity, Communication, and Collaboration. One of the most engaging and fun ways students apply the 4 C's of technology is by programming robots which were purchased through the NCATE grant. The K-2 students program Ozobot robots through the use of an optical sensor which follows marker paths and color change codes. Students grades 3 and above use block style coding apps to program both Ozobots and Dash robots to follow a series of commands. A new addition this year was the freshman Info Tech class partnering with the Preschool to program Dash robots to race, dance, and light up.

All students worked together to program robots to complete challenge cards and navigate obstacle courses. These activities offer many opportunities for cross-curricular discussions that apply to the math and science concepts students are learning in their core classrooms. What may seem like simply having some fun with a robot can begin to build big skills that are in big demand.

The bureau of labor statistics reports that 67% of all new STEM jobs are in computing, but only 11% of STEM bachelor's degrees are in computer science. This creates a huge need for people to fill these jobs. There are currently 500,000 waiting to be filled, a number which is likely to grow. Students not pursuing CS still benefit from studying the topic in K-12 grades. According to Code.org six different studies show students who study computer science perform better in other subjects, excel at problem solving, and are 17% more likely to attend college.









It's time again to start a new semester!! Along with that comes planning and preparation for doing great things!! Below are some great tips for setting goals and New Year's Resolutions!!

Enjoy your holiday break and we will see you in the New Year!!

~ Take Care...Mrs. Pritchett

You've probably made some New Year's resolutions -- and you probably didn't keep them! Our students also struggle to set and achieve goals but teachers can help with a few simple moves.

According to recent research, a student's ability to set and achieve goals is linked to higher grades, lower college-dropout rates and greater well-being in adulthood. Goal setting is also a large component of self-management, considered critical to a student's academic and social success.

So how do we set effective goals?

As it turns out, there is a science to goal setting that reveals some pretty useful strategies for achieving goals.

Guide students to make SMART goals.

You've probably heard of SMART Goals, but in case not:

S - Specific. "I will run twice per week" is specific, but "I will run more" is not.

M - Measurable. "I will say more compliments" is measurable, but "I will be nicer" is not. (And to make this goal even better, be specific with the number of compliments and to whom!)

<u>A - Achievable</u>. "I'll be the best math student ever" is just not possible (except for one lucky student in history, I guess!). Instead have students aim for a small improvement.

R - Relevant. Get kids to work on goals related to their lives - otherwise, what's the point?!

T - Timely. Keep kids focused on a goal by keeping it limited to a week.

Get momentum through early success.

Achievable goals are important, but it's still easy to drop off. Studies show that early success can lead to more success. How can you help students with this? Carve out some class time for students to work on achieving their goals on the first and/or second day.

Work together as a class.

As a class, come up with a few SMART goals to work on together. For example, "Our goal is have every student in the class complete their homework this week." Group goals can help drive accountability, participation, and class bonding.

Have fun.

Goal-setting often focuses on heavy topics in school, but parents can set SMART Goals with their children also. Practice setting goals at home. How about setting a goal of how many pennies someone can balance on their nose? Holding breath for 40 seconds? Catching a ball thrown across the baseball field?

(Merrow, C., & Teitelbaum, N. (2021, March 29). Student New Year's resolutions in the classroom. Empowering Education. Retrieved December 16, 2021, from

https://empoweringeducation.org/blog/student-new-years-resolutions-in-the-classroom/)



MTSS UPDATE

Academic Learning

Niobrara Public Schools saw
INCREDIBLE growth from beginning of
the year benchmark testing to middle
of the year benchmark testing.
Teachers and students have been
working hard to ensure success is
happening on a daily basis, and it
was very evident by the amount of
growth that was shown! Some testing
will occur after break and then all
data will be sent home.

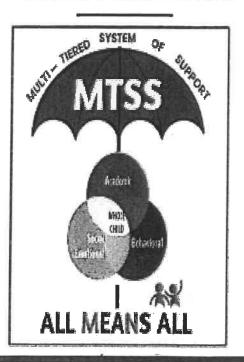
Behavior Learning

All NPS students will be retaught the Behavior Expectations throughout the school building after they return from Winter Break. We will start the New Year ensuring our students are set up for success!!

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Social Emotional Learning

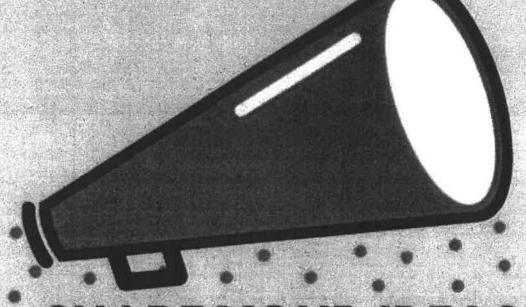
In January, students in 6th - 12th grade will participate in an educational lesson regarding the dangers of opioid abuse during ROAR. Students will learn about the impact these drugs can have on the brain and the body.



PARITY STATE

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12-13-2021 until 1-10-2022



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January

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Sunday	2	9	16	23	30
Monday	ω	10 B-Sausage/Pancake on a Stick L-Beef Stroganoff	No School	24 B-Bagel Bar L-Chicken Nuggets	31 B-UBR L-Lasagna w/ Breadstick
Tuesday	4	B-Biscuits & Gravy L-Spaghetti w/ Breadstick	18 B-Biscuits & Gravy L-Nachos	25 B-Biscuits & Gravy L-Taverns	
Wednesday	5 B-Cereal & Muffin L-Chicken & Rice Casserole	12 B-Cereal & Yogurt L-Chicken Fajita	19 B-Cereal & Muffin L-Cheeseburger	26 B-Cereal & Yogurt L-Italian Dunkers	
Thursday	6 B-Rolls & Donuts L-Pizza	13 B-Cinnamon Rolls L-Mandarin Orange or Spicy Chicken	20 B-Rolls & Donuts L-Mini Corn Dogs	27 B-Cinnamon Rolls L-Cheesy Ham & Potatoes	
Friday	B-Breakfast Pizza L-Hot Dog on a Bun	B-Breakfast Pizza L-McRib Sandwich	B-Breakfast Pizza L-Chicken Noodle Casserole	B-Breakfast Pizza L-Soft Shell Taco	
Saturday	7	14	21	28	
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2022

Niobrara January Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2		4 JV/V Girls BB vs. Nel-Oakdale @ Verdigre 6:15/7:30 pm pol PK-12 Workdays	5 Students Back To School JH Boys BB vs. St. Mary's @ Verdigre 3:00 pm	6 Wausa G/B BB Tourney 6:15/8:00 pm	7	8 Wrestling @ Winside 9:00 am Wausa G/B BB Tourney Speech @ Stuart
9	10 JH BB @ Summeriand 3:00/4:00 pm	11	12 Flu/Covid Shots 1:30-5:00 pm	13 JV/V G/B BB vs. Wynot @ Niobrara 4/5/615/8 pm	14 JV/V G/B BB @ Elkhorn Valley 330/430/6/730 pm	15 Wrestling @ Battle Creek 9:00 am Speech @ Pierce Winter Formal Grades 9-12 8:00-11:30 pm
16 Round Robin Elementary Boys & Girls BB Grades 3-6 9:00-4:00 pm	17 NO SCHOOL	18 JV/V G/B BB vs. North Central @ Springview 330/430/530/7 pm	19 JH BB @ Wausa 1:30/2:30 pm	20 JH Boys BB @ Nel-Oakdale 4:30 pm NVC Wrestling @ Summerland 5:00 pm	21 KTCH Quiz Bowl 10:30 am	22 JV G/B BB Tri @ Niobrara 9:00/11:00 am Wrestling @ Nel- Oakdale 10:00 am Speech @ Summer-
23 Round Robin Elementary Boys & Girls BB Grades 3-6 9:00-4:00 pm	24 Teacher No Scho	25 JV/V G/B BB vs. CWC @ Niobrara 4/5/615/8 pm Parents' Night	26 JH BB vs. Bloom- field @ Niobrara 2:00/3:00 pm	27 JV/V G/B BB vs. Osmond @ Niobrara 4/5/615/8 pm	28 Wrestling @ Central Valley 11:00 am	land 29 Wrestling @ Plainview 9:30 am NVC G/B BB Speech @ Hartington CC
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